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Sir :

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and §§1.97-1.98, Applicants hereby bring the following information to the attention of the Examiner in charge of the above-identified application, which includes information cited and discussed in the specification and the International Search Report issued in connection with International Patent Application No. PCT/JP2004/005952, of which the present application is the U.S. National Stage Application. A copy of the International Search Report was enclosed with the papers when entering the U.S. National Stage on October 21, 2005. The Examiner is invited to review these materials to inspect the relevance indicated during international examination with respect to the documents cited therein. The following is a list of the documents cited in the above-noted documents:

Japanese Laid-open Utility Model No. 1983-140459;

Japanese Laid-open Patent Publication No. HEI 11-44509, together with an English language translation of the same and patent family member U.S. Patent No. 5,872,860;

European Patent Publication No. EP 0 637 744, together with patent family member U.S. Patent No. 5,594,808;

Japanese Laid-open Patent Publication No. SHO 61-75263, together with an English language Abstract of the same;

Japanese Laid-open Utility Model No. 1998-170761; and

Japanese Laid-open Patent Publication No. SHO 61-7426, together with an English language Abstract of the same.

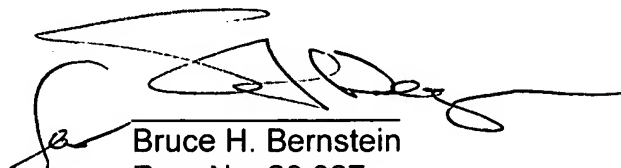
Further to 37 C.F.R. §1.98 (a)(2)(ii), copies of the U.S. patents are not enclosed herewith. However, if a copy is needed, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the above material and cite the same. Copies of the above-noted foreign documents are attached hereto and all of the above-noted documents are listed on the attached PTO-1449 Form. The Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached Form and to return a copy of the completed Form to Applicant with the next official communication in the present application.

Applicants note that an Office Action on the merits has not issued in the present application, and thus, no fee is believed necessary to ensure consideration of the submitted material.

Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to
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	61	- 0 0 7 4 2 6	01/14/86	JAPAN				

OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

	1	English Language Abstract of JP 61-075263.
	2	English Language Abstract of JP61-007426.

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